Cass County Weed Control Board Cass County Weed Control Office 1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo Monday, December 12, 2022

9:00 AM Meeting called to order

Roll call of the members

Approve minutes of previous meeting

Approve order of agenda

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Budget Report

a. Monthly Financial Statements Information/actionb. Approval of bills Information/action

2. New Business

a. Election of Officers
b. 2023 meeting schedule
c. Summer Field Aid
d. NDWCA Meetings
Information/action
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e.

f. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

For information on any of the agenda items or the need for special accommodations contact: Stan Wolf, 701-298-2388, wolfs@casscountynd.gov

Weed Control Progress Report

December 5, 2022

Period from November 14 to December 12, 2022

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2023: The chair and vice chair officers are elected for a one-year term; election of officers is required at the start of the year.

Action: Hold election of officers for the 2022 term.

2023 Meeting Schedule: Enclosed is a draft meeting schedule for 2023. Please review to see if there are any conflicts with your schedules.

Proposed Motion: Approve 2022 meeting schedule.

Seasonal Field Aid: Every year a summer field aid is hired to assist the Weed Officer in scouting, mapping, and controlling noxious and troublesome weeds. An additional consideration for hiring the field aid is safety when field operations are conducted in rough terrain or remote areas. Having an additional individual in the area to quickly assist in the event of a sprayer upset is important to minimize environmental damage or to provide medical assistance if needed. A new hire would start at \$16.36 per hour. A staff requisition will need to be submitted to Commissioner Breitling for his approval and signature.

Proposed motion: Move to approve hiring a summer field aid to assist in spraying and scouting operations.

NDWCA Meetings: Mr. Wolf will be the NDWCA president in 2023. 2023 is also a legislative year, several meetings or trips to Bismarck may be required to conduct association business. Mr. Wolf will communicate to board chair or vice-chair regarding meetings or travel needs.

Proposed motion: Move to permit Mr. Wolf to attend or travel for NDWCA business as needed.

Monthly Report:

Weed Seed Free Forage Inspection summary: Two Weed Seed Free Forage inspections were conducted in 2022. One inspection of a hay field did not pass, revenue of \$114.68 was received for the inspection. A wheat field was inspected for WSFF straw mulch and did pass inspection. 165 round bales were harvested and tagged.

Dodge pickup Sale: The Dodge pickup has been delivered to the Finance Office for posting on the PublicSurplus.com online auction site.

Employee Evaluation: Mr. Wilcox did review and sign the evaluation conducted by the board on November 14, 2022. Mr. Wilcox had no additional comments to add.

2023 herbicide order: The 2023 herbicide products for the contractors and weed control staff have been ordered. Mr. Wolf has contacted several warehouse facilities and is waiting for confirmation that space will be available.

Palmer amaranth update: Mr. Wolf has been contacted by several commodity groups regarding how to control Palmer amaranth in cropland.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Annual Conference Wide World of Weeds Soil and Soil/Water Workshop NDWCA board meeting January 2-5, 2023 Bismarck January, Fargo January, Fargo March, Bismarck